

# REGISTRATION PACKET



## AMHERST COMMUNITY GARDENS

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### HOW TO REGISTER

#### 1. REGISTRATION AND RENTAL FEES:

Please complete the **Registration Form** and sign the **Waiver** and return both along with your check to:

Community Gardens  
Amherst Conservation Department  
4 Boltwood Avenue  
Amherst, MA 01002

*Make check payable to the Town of Amherst*

#### 2. RELEASE/WAIVER FORM

Be sure to sign the waiver indicating that you have read and agree with the waiver.

#### 3. COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

Please read the Community Garden Rules carefully before you sign the statement indicating that you have read and agree with the rules.



Amherst Conservation Department  
4 Boltwood Avenue  
Amherst, MA 01002  
(413) 259-3045  
[conservation@amherstma.gov](mailto:conservation@amherstma.gov)

# REGISTRATION FORM – 2011 SEASON

**Return by April 15, 2011**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I am a returning gardener: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a **new** gardener \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred location: \_\_\_\_\_ # Plots requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FEES

**RESIDENT** – Residents live in areas with zip codes 01002, 01003, 01004 or 01059.

*First plot is free to anyone 65 or over (limited to one plot per household).*

**All plot sizes are approximate.**

**Mill Lane** – approx 20' x 20' annual plot      \$15 x #plots \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum 4 plots)

**Larch Hill** – approx 20' x 20' annual plot      \$15 x #plots \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Amethyst Brook** – approx 30' x 60' annual plot      \$35 x #plots \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-RESIDENT** – Anyone living in areas with zip codes other than 01002, 01003, 01004 or 01059.

**Mill Lane** – approx 20' x 20' annual plot      \$25 x #plots \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maximum 4 plots)

**Larch Hill** – approx 20' x 20' annual plot      \$15 x #plots \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_



**Please make checks payable to: Town of Amherst.**

**MILL LANE CLEAN UP DAY: April 30, 2011 @ Mill Lane**  
**Beginning at 9:00 AM – new gardener plot assignments at noon**  
**If unable to attend, call the office 259-3045 after May 2<sup>nd</sup> for available plots**



## GARDEN RULES

A copy of the Garden Rules is included in this packet (pages 4 & 5). Please read them carefully, and then sign the statement below.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Town of Amherst Community Garden Rules.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## RELEASE AND WAIVER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ in

\_\_\_\_\_, Massachusetts, being sponsored by the Town of Amherst and sometimes known as Amherst Community Gardens, on behalf of myself, my executors, administrators, assignees and all other persons engaged in the said project with my permission, at my direction or for my benefit, do hereby release the Town of Amherst, its successors and assignees and their respective representatives from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, concerning damage or injury to person or property and do hereby waive the same, at any time arising out of related to my or our participation in said project in any matter whatsoever, whether such damage or injury be suffered in or upon any land used for the purposes of said project or elsewhere.

I further understand that this release is to compromise and terminate all claims for injuries or damages of whatever nature, known, including any damages known or unknown to the fruits, vegetables or flowers which I have planted.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2011 AMHERST COMMUNITY GARDENS - GUIDELINES AND RULES



1. Minors will be required to have an adult co-signer.
2. Gardeners will keep a clean and well maintained garden area. Trash/rubbish will be removed from the garden premises. **TRASH IN/TRASH OUT!**
3. **Storage of fences, tools, hoses, wheelbarrows, chairs, barrels, grills, wood, baskets, cold frames, metal or any item made of plastic will not be permitted. Any of these or other unnatural items must be removed from the garden site by **October 29**. All material left at the garden site after October 29<sup>th</sup> are subject to removal and disposal by the Conservation Department at the gardener's expense. Failure to comply will result in the gardener losing the privilege in renting garden sites.**
4. No Pets. Amherst law requires dogs to be restrained at all times. Dogs must not be permitted to damage or enter the garden plots of others.
5. Plots:
  - A plot may not be worked until completed registration forms and fees have been received by the Amherst Conservation Department. All garden fees are non-refundable.
  - Only one person may register for a plot. The status and residence of that person determines the applicable fee structure. That person is responsible for insuring that the garden rules as they apply to her/his plot(s) are observed. However, more than one person may garden in a plot.
  - Plot(s) must be cleaned for winter by October 29; otherwise the plot(s) cannot be renewed for the next gardening season. (The gardener may apply to the Conservation Department for reinstatement.) Cleaning includes cutting down and disposing of dead plants to discourage soil-borne disease and overwintering pests. Newspaper, temporary fencing, plastic jugs, plastic mulch, furniture, toys must be removed.
  - You may plant what you wish within your plot(s), subject to the following restrictions: Plantings, structures and trees that shade other garden plots are not allowed. Plantings should not encroach on your neighbors' plots. **Avoid planting crops that are potentially invasive such as raspberry and mint. PLANTING OF NON-NATIVE INVASIVES IS NOT ALLOWED!**
  - Plantings within a plot are the property of the registered gardener. If a gardener does not plan to return for the following season, remaining plants must be removed by the autumn clean-up date or they become the property of the next season's registered gardener. If a gardener fails to cultivate his/her plot by May 1, remaining plants become the property of the gardener to whom the plot is reassigned.
  - Garden plots at Mill Lane, Larch Hill are approximately 20' x 20'; garden plots at Amethyst Brook are approximately 30' x 60'.
  - Gardeners are limited to a maximum of eight garden plots.

- Returning gardeners' plots are held until April 15. If registration forms and payment are not received by that day, they will be made available to other gardeners.
  - Registration may be transferred from one gardener to another who is gardening in the same plot only by written request to the Conservation Department.
6. **CONSERVE WATER!** Gardeners must be present during watering; sprinklers and soaker hoses are not allowed. Soaker hoses and unattended sprinklers do not allow for equitable water access and usage. Garden water may not be used for washing of motor vehicles or for any non-gardening related activities.
7. **The use of chemical herbicides and pesticides are NOT allowed.**
8. Garden waste may be handled as follows:
- Gardeners are encouraged to maintain compost piles within their plot(s). Please compost only plant and vegetable material, and cover fresh compost with soil to discourage animals. Do not bring kitchen waste to your compost pile.
9. The Town of Amherst will not be responsible for protecting or policing garden plots against vandalism, theft of garden implements or stealing of plants, fruits or vegetables.
10. Selling farm related or other products at any of the Community Garden sites or on adjacent Town property is prohibited.
11. Violators of the rules are subject to the loss of plots and fees.



**Thank you!**

**SAVE FOR REFERENCE**